

I would like to record my Opposition to LPFM being given priority over existing translator stations. Services that utilize translator stations such as K-LOVE radio network (nationally), Christian Family Radio and Wisconsin Public Radio (Wisconsin) provide a beneficial public serve to local communities that otherwise would not be able to support this type of programming on their own. This would have a negative effect on the community by depriving it of programming choices that citizens have come to rely upon. Services such as public radio and religious based broadcasters must rely on funding from donations for their existence, as many of these services are non-commercial. As such, the very fact that they do operate as a result of the interest and financial commitment of the community-- what better proof is there of a service that is in the public interest and serves the community? If nobody wanted it, they wouldn't pay for it to continue to operate. There is no justification to allow LPFM to override established translator broadcasting simply because the translator is "not local".